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FINAL EXAMINATION

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PGP0022 – INTRODUCTION TO POLITICS AND GOVERNANCE

(All Sections / Groups)

8 MARCH 2019
9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
(2 Hours)

INSTRUCTIONS TO STUDENT

1. This question paper consists of **TWO (2)** printed pages excluding the cover page.
2. Answer **ONE** question from Section A and **ALL** questions from Section B.
3. All answers should be written in the Answer Booklet.

SECTION A: ESSAY [25 MARKS]

Instruction: Answer **ONE** question only.

QUESTION 1A

'Y' system of government usually has a clear differentiation between the Head of Government and the Head of State, with the Head of Government being the Prime Minister or Premier and the Head of State often being the hereditary monarch. Though in this system of government, the Prime Minister and cabinet will exercise executive power on a day-to-day basis, actual authority will usually be bestowed in the Head of State, giving them many codified or uncodified reserved powers and providing some balance to this system.

Identify Y system of government and its characteristics. Support your answer with relevant authorities and/or example(s).

(25 marks)

QUESTION 1B

"Elections must be free and fair to be meaningful".

Explain the essential characteristics of a free and fair election according to Austin Ranney. Support your answer with relevant authorities and/or example(s).

(25 marks)

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SECTION B: ESSAY [75 MARKS]

Instruction: Answer **ALL** questions.

QUESTION 2

"Political sosialisation is a political learning, formal and informal, deliberate and unplanned, at every stage of the life cycle, including not only explicit political learning, but also nominally non-political learning of politically relevant social attitudes".

[Greenstein, Fred I, *Children and Politics,* Yale University Press,1965]

In light of the above definition, explain how individuals are politically socialised through family institution and educational institution. Support your answer with relevant authorities and/or example(s).

(25 marks)

QUESTION 3

X primary purpose is to place and maintain in public office, persons who will control, alone or in coalition, the machinery of government.

Identify X and describe its characteristics and functions. Support your answer with relevant authorities and/or example(s).

(25 marks)

QUESTION 4

The legislature unquestionably occupies the superior place among all three organs of government. The functions of the executive and judiciary are based on the laws that are passed by the legislature. Laws must exist before a judgment can be given, or before the executive can take any action. In actual practice, the modern legislature is much more than a mere law-making body.

As the Speaker of the House of Representatives, you are invited to explain on the various functions of the Malaysian Legislature to a group of 350 students from Multimedia University during their visit to the Parliament.

(25 marks)

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